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HERSETH: REGIONAL BRAC FIELD HEARING SCHEDULED FOR RAPID CITY IN JUNE

May 19, 2005, Washington, D.C. – This morning on a conference call with reporters, U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth announced that the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission has scheduled a regional field hearing to be held in Rapid City. The meeting will take place on June 21st at 1:00pm at a location to be determined. The BRAC Commission informed Herseth's office that a minimum of three commissioners will attend this meeting in person.

Herseth said, "This is a tremendous opportunity to highlight the value of Ellsworth to the BRAC Commission and to allow commissioners to personally see what makes Ellsworth a premier and viable military base."

Herseth joined the rest of the delegation in requesting a field hearing to be held in Rapid City in a May 16th Letter to BRAC Commission Chairman Anthony Principi.

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